

IN THE CLAIMS:

Rewrite the pending claims and add new claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for selecting and simultaneously displaying a plurality of digitally stored objects, comprising:
 - means for displaying digitally stored objects via a webpage;
 - means for selecting on said webpage a plurality of the displayed digitally stored objects, each displayed digitally stored object having at least one associated webpage; and
 - means for retrieving the at least one associated webpage for each selected one of the plurality of the displayed digitally stored objects together from a storage medium, resulting in a plurality of retrieved webpages and then simultaneously displaying together ~~in a single~~ multiple ones of the retrieved ~~objects~~ webpages ~~for viewing in a single display screen~~.
2. (Currently Amended) The system according to Claim 1, further comprising
 - means for providing a two-dimensional array of ~~graphical~~ thumbnails of the digitally stored objects.
3. (Currently Amended) The system according to Claim 2, wherein the ~~graphical~~ thumbnails in the two-dimensional array can be selectively scrolled at any one of a plurality of speeds and can be selectively stopped from scrolling.
4. (Currently Amended) The system according to Claim 2, wherein the ~~graphical~~ thumbnails in the two-dimensional array can be selectively scrolled vertically.
5. (Currently Amended) The system according to Claim 2, wherein the ~~graphical~~ thumbnails in the two-dimensional array can be selectively scrolled horizontally.
6. (Currently Amended) The system according to Claim 2, wherein the two-dimensional array of ~~graphical~~ thumbnails has a selectively adjustable number of columns and rows.
7. (Previously presented) The system according to Claim 1, further comprising means for sub-framing information associated with the selected plurality of digitally stored objects.

8. (Currently Amended) The system according to Claim 7, wherein the sub-framing means includes a horizontal dynamic scroll bar and a vertical dynamic scroll bar that allow an orderly arrangement and presentation of ~~textual information~~ content extending beyond a viewable area of a sub-frame.

9. (Currently Amended) The system according to Claim 48, wherein:

a different check box is associated with each one of the plurality of digitally stored objects;

each one of the plurality of displayed digitally stored objects is adapted to be selected one at a time by using the input device to select a different check box such that a check appears in the check box; and

after a plurality of the digitally stored objects is selected and in response to invoking a submit button using the input device, ~~retrieves~~ retrieve together and simultaneously ~~displays~~ display together the retrieved webpages.

10. (Currently Amended) The system according to Claim 48, wherein:

a different check box is associated with each one of the plurality of digitally stored objects;

each one of the plurality of displayed digitally stored objects is adapted to be selected one at a time by using the input device to select a different check box such that a check appears in the check box; and

after a plurality of the digitally stored objects is selected and in response to invoking a “go” button using the input device, ~~retrieves~~ retrieve together and simultaneously ~~displays~~ display together the retrieved webpages.

11. (Previously presented) The system according to Claim 10, wherein single clicking on the selected check box de-selects a link to the associated destination object so that the check box reverts to being unchecked indicating that the associated webpage is un-selected.

12. (Currently Amended) The system according to Claim 48, wherein:

the input device is a computer mouse;

each displayed digitally stored object of the plurality of selected displayed digitally stored objects is selected one at a time by pointing to a different link-token associated with

each different one of the plurality of displayed digitally stored objects and, ~~after all of the selected plurality of displayed digitally stored objects have been selected,~~ single clicking the computer mouse button; and

after all of the selected plurality of displayed digitally stored objects have been selected and in response to double clicking the computer mouse button, retrieves retrieving together the plurality of digitally stored objects, and simultaneously displays together displaying the retrieved webpages.

13. (Original) The system according to Claim 12, wherein each one of the different associated link-tokens is a first color and each time one of the plurality of digitally stored objects is selected by single clicking the computer mouse button, the first color changes to a second color to indicate the selection of the digitally stored object.

14. (Previously presented) The system according to Claim 13, wherein each one of the selected link-tokens changes to a third color when a browser returns to a list of the plurality of digitally stored objects from the retrieved and simultaneously displayed retrieved webpages.

15. (Previously presented) The system according to Claim 13, wherein single clicking on the selected link-token de-selects the link-token so that the link-token reverts to the first color indicating the de-selection of the link-token.

16. (Previously presented) The system according to Claim 48, wherein the selection comprises:

selecting the plurality of digitally stored objects one at a time by pointing to and selecting a different link-token associated with each different one of the plurality of digitally stored objects.

17. (Previously presented) The system according to Claim 16, wherein each one of the associated link tokens is a first color and each time one of the plurality of digitally stored objects is selected the first color changes to a second color to indicate the selection of the digitally stored object.

18. (Previously presented) The system according to Claim 48, wherein the selection is employed and the retrieval is invoked using a computer mouse having a first button and a second button, the plurality of digitally stored objects being selected one at a time by pointing to a different link-token associated with each different one of the plurality of digitally stored objects and clicking the first computer mouse button, and then after all of the plurality of digitally stored objects have been selected, clicking the second computer mouse button to retrieve and simultaneously display the retrieved webpages.

19. (Previously presented) The system according to Claim 18, wherein a first one of the retrieved webpages simultaneously displayed for viewing is made larger than the other simultaneously displayed webpages by using a computer input device to invoke the first webpage.

20. (Previously presented) The system according to Claim 18, wherein when the computer input device is used to invoke a second one of the retrieved webpages simultaneously displayed for viewing, the first webpage returns to the same smaller size of the other simultaneously displayed webpages and the second destination object is made larger than the other simultaneously displayed-webpages.

21. (Currently Amended) The system according to Claim 18, wherein each one of the different associated link-tokens is a first color and each time one of the digitally stored objects is selected using a computer input device, the first color changes to a second color to indicate the selection of the digitally stored object, and wherein the second color changes to a third color when a browser returns to a list of the displayed digitally stored objects from the retrieved and simultaneously displayed retrieved webpages, wherein the third color indicates that the digitally stored object in the list have been previously selected and that the retrieved webpages have been previously displayed.

22. (Previously presented) The system according to Claim 48, wherein the system is used on a personal computer.

23. (Previously presented) The system according to Claim 48, wherein the system is used on a computer network.

24. (Previously presented) The system according to Claim 48, wherein the system is used with a CD-ROM.

25. (Previously presented) The system according to Claim 48, wherein the system is used on a wireless device.

26. (Previously presented) The system according to Claim 48, wherein the system is implemented using software.

27. (Currently Amended) A method for selecting and simultaneously displaying a plurality of digitally stored objects, comprising ~~the steps of:~~

on a client system having one or more processors that execute programs stored in memory of the client system:

displaying an array of digitally stored objects;

selecting a plurality of digitally stored objects from the array of digitally stored objects, wherein each one of the selected plurality of digitally stored objects has at least one associated webpage;

after the selecting step, retrieving the at least one associated webpage associated with each one of the selected plurality of digitally stored objects, resulting in a plurality of retrieved webpages; and

simultaneously displaying together ~~each one of~~ multiple ones of the retrieved webpages on a single window in a single display screen.

28. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 27, wherein a different check box is associated with each one of the plurality of digitally stored objects and,

said selecting step comprises ~~the steps of:~~

selecting each one of the plurality of digitally stored objects one at a time by using a computer input device to invoke a different check box such that a check appears in the check box; and

said retrieving step includes ~~the step of:~~

invoking a ~~submit~~ button using the input device to retrieve and simultaneously display the retrieved webpages.

29. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 27, wherein said selecting step comprises ~~the step of:~~

selecting each one of the plurality of digitally stored objects one at a time by using a ~~computer mouse input device~~ to point to a different link token ~~link~~ associated with each different one of the plurality of digitally stored objects and single activation of the input device ~~clicking a computer mouse button~~; and

said retrieving step comprises ~~the step of:~~

after ~~[[all]]~~ a plurality of the digitally stored objects have been selected, double ~~clicking~~ activation the ~~computer mouse input device~~ button to retrieve and simultaneously display the retrieved webpages.

30. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 27, wherein a computer mouse having a first button and a second button is used to select the plurality of digitally stored objects and to retrieve the associated destination objects,

said selecting step comprises ~~the step of:~~

selecting each one of the plurality of digitally stored objects one at a time by pointing to a different token link associated with each different one of the plurality of digitally stored objects and clicking the first computer mouse button while holding down the second computer mouse button, and

said retrieving step comprises ~~the step of:~~

after ~~[[all]]~~ a plurality of the digitally stored objects have been selected, clicking the first computer mouse button without holding the second computer mouse button to retrieve and simultaneously display the retrieved webpages.

31. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 27, wherein content associated with each one of the retrieved webpages is sub-framed such that content extending beyond the frame can be scrolled into view within the sub-frame.

32. (Currently Amended) A system for displaying content viewed on a display device, comprising:

a single webpage including a plurality of sub-framed arrays, each of the sub-framed arrays including a frame with a plurality of thumbnails and a plurality of independently selectable sub-frames;

the plurality of sub-framed arrays being configured to be independently and selectively scrolled without user action other than a user initiating such scrolling of a respective one of the plurality of sub-framed arrays; and

the plurality of sub-framed arrays being configured, when scrolling without user action, to be independently ~~stopped~~ stoppable by the user.

33. (Previously presented) The system according to Claim 32, wherein when a page loads for a first time a default category selected by a website operator is displayed, and when the page loads for a time other than the first time, a category corresponding to the category last viewed by the viewer when they accessed the page is displayed.

34. (Previously presented) The system according to Claim 32, wherein each sub-framed array includes a progress bar indicating how much of the total array has been viewed, the bar also indicating a beginning and an end of the sub-framed array.

35. (Previously presented) The system according to Claim 32, wherein when a viewer moves a cursor to a thumbnail of interest, the sub-framed array stops scrolling and high level information regarding the thumbnail appears in a dialog box positioned approximate to the thumbnail of interest.

36. (Previously presented) The system according to Claim 32, wherein selecting a thumbnail of interest results in a larger image of the thumbnail appearing with more detailed information in a sub-frame that the viewer can scroll manually or that can be automatically scrolled.

37. (Previously presented) The system according to Claim 36, wherein when a viewer selects a thumbnail of interest, a border surrounding the thumbnail is highlighted.

38. (Previously presented) The system according to Claim 37, wherein a color of the highlighted border changes to indicate that the image has been selected and viewed.

39. (Previously presented) The system according to Claim 38, wherein if after viewing the thumbnail the viewer is not interested in the selected thumbnail, the viewer can close the

image and the color of the highlighted border changes or disappears to indicate that the thumbnail was viewed but of no further interest to the viewer.

40. (Previously presented) The system according to Claim 32, wherein when a viewer removes a cursor from a thumbnail, the sub-framed array in which the thumbnail resides resumes scrolling.

41. (Previously presented) The system according to Claim 32, wherein a position of the thumbnail relative to the sub-frame array is selectively controllable by the viewer or a website operator.

42. (Currently Amended) The system according to Claim 36, wherein the enlarged and more detailed image of the thumbnail can ~~be selectively programmed to, in response to user action,~~ remain on-screen, be minimized or pushed to the background.

43. (Currently Amended) The system according to Claim 32, wherein the webpage can display any desired number of sub-frame arrays of interest, the sub-frame arrays ~~able to be manually or automatically~~ extended beyond the screen are able to be manually or automatically scrolled horizontally and vertically into view, or resized so that all of the sub-frame arrays are viewable.

44. (Previously presented) The system according to Claim 32, wherein sub-frame arrays that have been selected can be enlarged and can include transactional commands to process a commercial transaction.

45. (Previously presented) The system according to Claim 32, wherein the thumbnails display advertising.

46. (Currently Amended) The system according to Claim 32, wherein ~~the webpage~~ each sub-framed array includes at least one textual link ~~and~~ or at least one graphical link, each link representing a different category of information;
the system further comprising:

a first category menu configured to be displayed when the user moves a cursor over a respective link, wherein the first category menu has at least one sub-category that is associated with the category of information of the respective link; and

a second category menu displayed concurrently with the first category menu when the user moves the cursor over a sub-category of the first category menu.

47. (Currently Amended) The system according to Claim 46, ~~wherein the webpage includes at least one control element for controlling the textual and graphical links~~ further comprising:

a plurality of thumbnails associated with the selected category in the sub-framed array configured to be displayed in response to selection of a sub-category.

48. (Currently Amended) A system for displaying information, the system comprising a computing device configured to:

enable a user using an input device to select from a webpage displayed on a display device a plurality of displayed digitally stored objects, resulting in a plurality of selected objects, each of the selected objects being associated with at least one webpage;

enable the user to submit the plurality of selected objects for processing;

retrieve the at least one webpage for each of the selected objects, resulting in a plurality of retrieved webpages; and

display ~~within a single window on the display device~~ multiple ones of the plurality of retrieved webpages in a single display screen on the display device.

49. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 48, wherein each webpage of the plurality of retrieved webpages is displayed in a separate sub-frame without overlapping with other sub-frames.

50. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 48, further comprising:

on the display device displaying a two-dimensional array of ~~graphical thumbnails~~ sub-frames of the digitally stored objects.

51. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 50, wherein the ~~graphical thumbnails~~ sub-frames in the two-dimensional array can be selectively scrolled at any one of a plurality of speeds and can be selectively stopped from scrolling.

52. (Currently Amended) The system according to Claim 50, wherein the ~~graphical thumbnails~~ sub-frames in the two-dimensional array can be selectively scrolled vertically.

53. (Currently Amended) The system according to Claim 50, wherein the ~~graphical thumbnails~~ sub-frames in the two-dimensional array can be selectively scrolled horizontally.

54. (Currently Amended) The system according to Claim 50, wherein the two-dimensional array of ~~graphical thumbnails~~ sub-frames has a selectively adjustable number of columns and rows.

55. (Previously presented) The system according to Claim 48, further comprising sub-framing information associated with the selected plurality of digitally stored objects.

56. (Currently amended) The system according to Claim 55, wherein the sub-framing includes a horizontal dynamic scroll bar and a vertical dynamic scroll bar that allow an orderly arrangement and presentation of ~~textual information~~ content.

57. (Previously presented) A user interface for use with an electronic device having a display and an input device, comprising:

- a selection page displaying a plurality of data objects from a plurality of web pages, each of the data objects having an associated link to a destination web page;

- a multiple selection mechanism configured to enable a user to select a plurality of the data objects with the input device;

- a subject element responsive to operation of the input device;

- a single display screen simultaneously displaying, in response to user activation of the submit element, information for the selected plurality of the data object, the information being retrieved from respective ones of the destination web pages using the associated links.

58. (Previously presented) The user interface of claim 57, wherein the plurality of web pages are from a plurality of web sites.

59. (Previously presented) The user interface of claim 57, wherein the single display screen presents the information in an array.
60. (Previously presented) The user interface of claim 57, wherein the data object is a link identifier or a thumbnail.
61. (Previously presented) The user interface of claim 57 wherein the data object further includes a check box responsive to user indication of selection.
62. (Previously presented) The user interface of claim 57, wherein the data objects in the array scroll without user input.
63. (Previously presented) The system of claim 32, wherein the user is a viewer of the single display screen or a website operator of the single display screen.
64. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 32, wherein each of the plurality of sub-framed arrays is configured to be independently scrolled without user ~~interaction~~ action at ~~different~~ independent respective scrolling speeds.
65. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 32, further comprising:
a speed control icon on the single web page that can be employed by a user to control scrolling speed of a respective sub-framed array;
a stop icon on the single web page that can be employed by the user to stop scrolling of a respective sub-framed array that is scrolling without user ~~interaction~~ action; and
a go icon on the single web page that can be employed by the user to initiate scrolling without user ~~interaction~~ action of a respective sub-framed array.
66. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein each webpage is displayed without a header and a tab.
67. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein each webpage is displayed without a header and a tab.
68. (New) The system of claim 48, wherein each webpage is displayed without a header and a tab.

69. (New) The user interface of claim 57, wherein each webpage is displayed without a header and a tab.

70. (New) The system according to Claim 27, wherein a computer mouse having a first button is used to select the plurality of digitally stored objects and to retrieve the associated destination objects,

said selecting step comprises the step of:

selecting each one of the plurality of digitally stored objects one at a time by pointing to a different token link associated with each different one of the plurality of digitally stored objects and clicking the first computer mouse button, and

said retrieving step comprises the step of:

after a plurality of the digitally stored objects have been selected, clicking the first computer mouse button to retrieve and simultaneously display the retrieved webpages.

71. (New) The method according to Claim 27, wherein a computer mouse having a first button and a second button is used to select the plurality of digitally stored objects and to retrieve the associated destination objects,

said selecting step comprising:

selecting each one of the plurality of digitally stored objects one at a time by pointing to a different token link associated with each different one of the plurality of digitally stored objects and clicking the first computer mouse button without holding down the second computer mouse button, and

said retrieving step comprising:

after a plurality of the digitally stored objects have been selected, clicking the first computer mouse button while holding the second computer mouse button to retrieve and simultaneously display the retrieved webpages.

button to retrieve and simultaneously display the retrieved webpages.

72. (New) The system according to Claim 17, wherein each time one of the plurality of digitally stored objects having a second color is selected the second color changes to the first color to indicate the de-selection of the digitally stored object.

73. (New) The system according to Claim 1, wherein the retrieved webpages are displayed in a single window.
74. (New) The method of Claim 27, wherein the retrieved webpages are displayed in a single window.
75. (New) The system according to Claim 57, wherein the destination webpages are displayed in a single window.
76. (New) The system according to Claim 1, wherein the retrieved webpages are displayed without overlapping another webpage.
77. (New) The method of Claim 27, wherein the retrieved webpages are displayed without overlapping another webpage.
78. (New) The user interface of Claim 57, wherein the destination webpages are displayed without overlapping another webpage.